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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MORE PARTIES TO JOIN NNF

1. BRYAN O'LINN, LEADER OF THE SMALL WHITE FEDERAL PARTY (FP), TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THE FP WILL JOIN THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL FRONT (NNF) IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. O'LINN SAID HE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE NNF FOR SOME TIME, BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE "UNREASONABLE ATTITUDE" OF SWANU LEADER GERSON VEII (SWANU IS THE LARGEST PARTY IN NNF). O'LINN SAID THE BREAK-THROUGH CAME IN NEW YORK, WHERE EXTERNAL SWANU LEADERS URGED THE FP TO JOIN THE NNF. ANOTHER STUMBLING BLOCK, ACCORDING TO O'LINN, HAD BEEN THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR STATEMENT OF NNF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES. THIS HAS NOW BEEN WORKED OUT, AND THE NNF HAS ACCEPTED A NUMBER OF FP POSITIONS, INCLUDING THE FP'S PROPOSED BILL OF RIGHTS.

2. O'LINN SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS THE
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BEVRYDINGSPARTY (BP), THE MAJORITY PARTY AMONG THE REHOBOTH BASTERS, WAS LIKELY TO JOIN THE NNF AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FP. THE BP WAS PREVIOUSLY ALLIED WITH PROFESSOR KERINA'S NAMIBIA YOUNG PIONEERS IN THE NAMIBIA PARTIOTIC COALITION, WHICH BROKE UP IN LATE FEBRUARY AFTER THE NEW YORK TALKS.
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